

## **Media Advisory**

### **BLM Arizona Celebrates National Public Lands Day**

Citizens in Arizona will join with thousands of volunteers around the country on Saturday, September 24, 2005, to celebrate the 12<sup>th</sup> annual National Public Land Day. This years theme is Get your hand dirty and keep your public lands beautiful. BLM in Arizona has several opportunities for residents around the state to volunteer their time to make Arizona public lands beautiful.

The Bureau of Land Management and the City of Phoenix, Parks and Recreation Department will dedicate the new North Mountain Visitor Center and host an Outdoor Recreation Fair.

**What:** Outdoor Recreation Fair and volunteer projects  
**Where:** North Mountain Visitor Center  
12950 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Phoenix  
**Date:** Saturday, September 24, 2005  
**Time:** 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Contact:** City of Phoenix (602) 495-5458, or Carrie Templin at (602) 417-9448

The Arizona Strip Field Office and National Park Service will conduct a clean up at Pakoon Springs.

**What:** Spring clean-up  
**Where:** Pakoon Spring on Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument  
**Date:** Saturday, September 24, 2005  
**Time:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Utah time)  
**Contact:** Michelle Bailey at (435) 688-3386

The Phoenix Field Office and Good Gun Foundation will co-host a clean-up event.

**What:** Clean-up event  
**Where:** Table Mesa Road (West turn-off for Table Mesa Road from Interstate 17, Exit 236)  
**When:** Saturday, October 22, 2005  
**Time:** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Contact:** Monica at Good Gun Foundation, (928) 776-8055 or Jack Ragsdale at Bureau of Land Management, (623)580-5643

The Safford Field Office will install signs, and repair some areas damaged by winter floods along the Black Hills Back Country Byway.

**What:** Sign installation, painting and flood rehabilitation  
**Where:** Black Hills Back Country Byway

**Date:** Saturday, October 15, 2005

**Contact:** Jeff Willbanks at (928) 348-4573

The Yuma Filed Office will install a bench and interpretive kiosk, clear brush, plant trees and pick up trash at Fortuna Pond.

**What:** Install a bench and interpretive kiosk, clear brush, plant trees, pick up trash, and place carsonite signs at designated locations

**Where:** Fortuna Pond

**Date:** Saturday, September 24, 2005

**Contact:** Lori Cook at (928) 317-3243

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